

PELLUCIDAR

A Journal of Postal Diplomacy

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1ST ANNIVERSARY ISSUE.....

PELLUCIDAR #13

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Announcements:

1. No, gang, this isn't another issue of COSTAGUANA, which is normally about this size. It is the first anniversary issue of PELLUCIDAR, tho. We pub this zine at the rate of 13 issues per year, and this is the end of our first year. And what a year it was! We have grown and prospered, and I hope at this time next year I can state that PELLUCIDAR has improved over what it is now. I'll get by with a little help from my friends.....

2. I stated last issue that I did not end up with the job of assigning the Miller numbers. It appears I might have been wrong about that. Should know for certain by next issue, and will carry the pertinent info somewhere in these announcements.

3. Seeing as how we is about to sink deeper in variants than ever before, I'd like to take this small space up by plugging a very worthy project recently completed by the MOW group. It is their first Variant Package. The cost is \$1.75, I think, and you get 12 interesting variants. Yes, I realize you might not like them all, but you're bound to dig some of them. The variants included in the first package are: Aberration IV, Abstraction, Air Sea Diplomacy, Chalker 9-man, Continent, Diadokhi II, STRESS, Michigan Diplomacy, Middle Earth IV, Militarism I, 1958 Diplomacy (!), and THIRD AGE (another Middle Earth variant). I highly endorse this package, for what my endorsement is worth, and would like to point out to you people that depending upon how this package fares in popularity determines if MOW will undertake more packages in the future. Send for yours today, and allow a bit for delivery (3rd class). From: Paul Wood/24613 Harmon Ct/St Clair Shores/Mich/48080. Tell him Burt sent ya.

4. Enclosed at the end of this issue, you will find a last chance to vote in the Beyerlein Player Poll (BPP). I specifically asked for, and received, an extension on the deadline from Doug so the readership could participate in it. I've sent my ballot in, why not you? (It would also help show Doug that the extension he gave was worthwhile, hint-hint.....)

5. I still do not have the faintest idea of what Jack Richards' address is. Wait? Ray? Can somebody help me here?

6. EVERYONE should have received their house-rules by now. If you have not by the time you receive this issue, request a set ASAP, as you might be at some sort of disadvantage.

7. ALL games in PELLUCIDAR and AMALRIC are full. There will be no game openings until Fall of 1974, unless some sort of miracle.

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takes place or a slew of the games now in progress end, which I feel highly unlikely.

8. Doug Beyerlein has pointed out to me that my draw rule had a flaw in it. We thank Doug for this astute observation. In addition to the rule as written, add the following: "Note that while only major powers, as defined in this rule, may take part in draw status, that all active players, irrelevant of power, must vote you for the draw to take place." Please write or type this on to the column of your set of house rules, as it is important to avoid conflicts of what is and is not a draw.

9. PELLUCIDAR was invaded again by Steve Hall a few weeks back. In fact, Steve helped type out the address labels on the last issue, which if you remember was late due to our small vacation in Connecticut. Thanks, Steve.

10. Ray and Peggy Bowers made it up for a couple of days, and it was good seeing them again. Get this, folks: We have decided to play a game of DRANG NACH OSTEN by mail! DNO is a division level invasion of Russia (above 1600 units), and costs a fortune (\$15). At present, Chuck Bolser and myself are scheduled to be the Germans, and Ray Bowers and Mike Dagan the Russians. As soon as we each get our game, and the ball starts rolling, I may, from time to time, insert small capsule summaries of how the war against the Bolshevik swine is progressing, assuming there is space in PELLUCIDAR, of course. Should prove interesting.

11. Some of you folks (including myself, even) have expressed a desire to play in HYBORIAN AGE II. As I've told you in letters, I'm trying to get some other GM's to open up at least one game here and there. I'll let you know as soon as possible if anything cracks open.

12. My gawd, 20 pages (almost) in the issue, and the dirty funk doesn't even plug anybody. Well, there are a few new additions you might be interested in:

WARLORD Dan Gallagher/6425 King Louis Dr/Alexandria/VA/22312.

Will have two games. There's a wolf in game one among the sheep: somebody named Edi Barsan. heh heh. Dan writes interesting articles for his own zine. Published tri weekly, at \$2.50 for the year.

LEBOR CABALA Jeff Key/7110 S.W. Berkley Dr/Kansas City/Missouri/64152. An older zine now restarted by Jeff, it will not contain games, but will deal primarily with ratings systems and game classifications (i.e. regular, irregular, etc). \$5.00 per issue.

CIRCLE TRIGON Bob Ward/8665 Florin Rd/#176/Sacramento/CA/95828. Bob probably doesn't want to be plugged, but the zine is well-run, neat, and with interesting press. Don't take my word for it: give it a run at 8/\$1.

LOST HORIZONS John Boyer/117 Garland Dr/Carlisle/PA/17013. Brought to you by the zealot that churns out IMPASSABLE, DIPLOMACY REVIEW and a few thousand others. LHM is a variant zine, including YV and John's new 1723 variant. 12/\$2

See you next month

PLAYER BIOGRAPHIES-

Mike Clinton-19 years old-Chem, math major at Carrol College in addition to student athletic Manager. Played board games for about 5 years-relatively successful at Nuclear Destruction. Coach an Intermediate League Baseball team in summer .650 win percentage and two championships.

Ed Kollmer-I am 27 years old, happily married to my wife Jean, no children as of today and presently trying to fix up our basement apartment which we moved to after our honeymoon. Up until 2 years ago, you might say my occupation was oarsman for the N.Y.A.C. Crew Team and my pastime was teaching 8th grade in a parochial school. However, since I forsook the oar for family life, my monetary needs changed; therefore making it necessary for me to pick up a part time job in a department store. You might say I am a frustrated universalist who has tried to learn about everything from rowing to playing the piano, but found out that he was just plain average. Although I teach Social Studies, I have always had an interest in strategy and military history. I use simulation games in my class, so when I became acquainted with Diplomacy while rowing at Yale during one summer; I thought I might work it into my class. However, I have only used it the last two years with students who were interested. Just recently, I learned that you could play Diplomacy by mail, so I thought I would get involved. This year I hope to start postal Diplomacy among my past students.

Gerald Rogowski-Age:36. School Teacher 11 years. B.A. Notre Dame (Hist, Lit, & Phil), M.A. (Educ) Guidance and Counseling, Eastern Mich. U., M.A. Hist at E.M.U., Ed. Spec at E.M.U. Currently part time graduate student University of Michigan working on PhD in Education. Enjoy sailing, reading, conflict gaming. I have not participated in pbm Diplomacy before, but am enthusiastically looking forward to doing so.

William A Clumm-Age:30. Have been playing wargames on & off for 16 years. Hobbies-Sci-Fi, farming, chess, history, astronomy, economics, and bridge. Jobs: detective, lab tech, dish washer, security salesman, farmer (latest). First wargames ever played were Diplomacy & Blitzkrieg. Willing to pbm any wargame in existence if I have a copy. I am now 1 of 9 survivors out of 16 starters in a game of Nuclear Destruction.

David B. Lagerson-I have lived in the LA area all my life. I attended SFVSC (Now Cal State University Northridge) and now have teaching credential and BA in History and English. Am going to teach at school for emotionally disturbed children and young adults. I am 24 and married to a teacher of Math in a Jr High School. I have been playing Diplomacy for about 1/2 year and enjoy it very much. No children, but one dog named Frodo.

Dan Stafford-Age:15. this is my first postal Diplomacy game! Have great interest in boardgames and Miniatures as well as Diplomacy. I also play chess and would be happy to take on any or all in this game! I hope this game will have: little aggression in the first year, lots of Diplomacy, and no grudges!

IN THE FOREST- Your GM immediately declines your chess offer, and pleads stupidity and poor play as the excuse.

ANDY MEIER- A Biographie of Ye Reknowned Gamesman and Skillfully Erudite Gentleman, Much Acclaimed Diplomat William Andrew Meier (hereafter referred to, in tones of respect, as W. Andy Meier). Bright was the day I entered the world on Sept 12, 1946. Various knaves and varlets claim that it has been all downhill since that faire tyme. Perhaps so but let us proceed. 12 years of vile and inhibitous parochial education followed. By the grace of the gods I indeed did enter Mass. College of Art at the virile age of 18. Verily! I didst find it to mine liking! Leberall was the air therein, alive was my spirit! Dark days were soon to follow, however, and the wailing and gnashing of teeth did fill my soul. On the day of All Hallow's Eve 1968 I didst commit a solemn act. I became a reluctant member of the United States Air Force. While in this peculiar organization I had two years of wailing followed by two years of peace and calm. Verily, mine head was cleft in twain twixt the pain and the pleasure at our mutual uncle's hands. It was all, nonetheless, a better situation than hunting the little yellow men with a blunderbuss in the wilds of tropical Asia. I left this organization on Sept 1 (auspicious day) 1972 and returned to ye College of Art. This tyme I revamped my mind and became an Art teacher. As the fickle fates would have it I am unemployed. I seek work, but it seeks me not, I seek now to vent my frustration by ripping mine opponents to shreds via Diplomacy. Join me and be safe, oppose me and become food for worms!

Francis G. McIlvaine-Age:23. Am in the polite service of Uncle Sam (at his request) serving at Ft. Bliss in the Army Security Agency. I'm getting out in 5 months when I will move to Buffalo, NY. I plan to be a stockbroker or a bum when I get out. I went to school at S.U.N.Y. at Binghamton, or Harper College as it is known. I've always liked to play all types of games but have only recently gotten around to playing Diplomacy by mail. Most of all I'm TRUSTWORTHY honest you'd love to buy a used car from me. Oh yes I'm a SP4 after a meteoric rise and now I'm hoping to hang onto it for 5 more months, it's gonna be close.

Harry Holloman-My full name is Harry Hunter Holloman. My age is 15, my birthdate is Oct 9, 1957. I have been playing wargames since I was nine, I have been playing Diplomacy for about a year and postal Diplomacy for about $\frac{1}{2}$ a year. I am currently in my first game. I will be a sophomore at Annandale High School this fall. My hobbies are playing war games, wrestling, and girls.

Jon Southard-Age:14. I have been playing wargames since 1969. I began playing Diplomacy in 1970. I am a relative beginner at postal Diplomacy, but like it better than face to face. Am a history bug, as well as being an S&T subscriber. Hobbies: Diplomacy, wargaming, and white water canoeing.

George Lowrance-Married. Grad. Princeton U. ('62), U of Tex Law School ('65). 68-70 USAF. 65-68 White House Staff, Pres Lyndon B Johnson. 70-71 Special Asst., Sen. Lloyd Bensten, 71-present Admin.Asst., Gov. Dolph Briscoe.

Larry Rehbaum-Age:33. Wife, Connie. Daughter, Jessica. BS degree, University of Wisconsin-Madison. My US Army career was spent in Mainz, Germany and Vicenza, Italy. I work for the First Wisconsin National Bank of Milwaukee, selling and servicing bank data processing systems to other banks. Military history has always interested me. I enjoy

all types of games and most athletic activities. However, I do hate typing. I am engaged in my first Diplomacy game (really my first ever). It is a five player game without a GM. I am holding as Austria-Hungary after ten moves.

Robert E. Sacks-Age:22. Ht 5'9½" Wt 132 lbs, Single (I think), born NYC, Sanity-doubtful. Student. Computer Mathematician. Military=yes. Parliamaentarian. Believes in lost causes (who says they're lost?), see Sanity. First game ever pbm, ended most recent game (Parlement-by-phone) by getting all players to declare GM loser. VP MIT-SGS, acting VP AWA, beleives honesty best policy; see Sanity.

Chic Hilliker-Am 24 year old college drop out, who gets terribly upset with people who tell me that I need a college degree to get anywhere. Have been playing Diplomacy for one year and enjoy both the regular game and the variants. Presently playing in 25 games plus publishing and still enjoy it all. Am in the process of opening a hobby and game shop which means I have the chance to get other people hooked on games. IN THE FOREST- By publishing, Chic means that he runs SILMARILLI, which is one of the better zines in the hobby.

Greg Dority-Age:14. I am 14 years old and a Soph. in High Scholl. At this time unemployed except for mowing lawns and various odds and ends. I've been into various wargames for 2 years now and should continue for a while. As far as Diplomacy goes I am in 4 games at this time, when HA II starts it will be my first variant game. I am also head of my own publishing empire, which consists of one zine that will be soon averaging 5-6 pages per issue.

IN THE FOREST- Greg publishes THE BIG D, a new effort which is good.

Randolph Smyth-Age:20. Unmarried (so far!) and a graduate student at the University of Ottiwa. I've only become interested in Diplomacy since two months ago, but I've played postal chess for several years now. I love every wargame I've encountered so far, including chess, GO, and many card games; hope I'll be able to say the same after being properly introduced to Diplomacy. Other hobbies ibclude fencing, handball, marathcn running, and coin collecting; if I'm at loose ends I'll read anything I can get my hands on. I was born and raised in eastern Canada but have been all over the continent while on summer vacations in recent years.

Blair Cusack-Born 4th Sept 1955, have lived in Canada almost all my life, except for a brief time in Germany. I've traveled over the northern US and the West Coast. I've been to Europe twice (nice place to visit but I wouldn't want to live there!) I am currently a student at the University of Calgary majoring in Bio-Chemistry, minoring in Political Science. I have been playing postal Diplomacy since 1971. This is the only Diplomacy as I've played ftf very few times. For whoever cares to know I am winless and haven't finished any of the games I started in 1972 (yet!). Anyone who doubts my skill at this game can flip to 72EA, where I'm getting the shit kicked out of me by 2 or 3 people (have been since 1901!). I was also CinC of the UAR's ground forces in 1967 until I was traded to Switzerland later in 1967 for 36.2 kg. of rock salt. The Russians picked me up on waivers in 1969, and sent me to Calgary, Canada to disrupt postal communications in North America. I have a 4-year no-cut contract with them, after that I'll just live on my 40 Ruble pension till I croak. Yes, it's a great life!

IN THE FOREST-Hey, Blair, I used to play for the Newfoundland Newts! What about you? (If you don't follow that, I'll explain next issue....)

Well folks, that was 3 full pages and 17 player bios. Not too many people as crazy as myself can do that. This issue will probably end up as big as a COSTAGUANA, but what the hey!

And now.....

PRESS DELETED FROM ISSUE #12, DUE TO LACK OF TIME, BUT BROUGHT TO YOU THIS ISSUE CAUSE I'M SUCH A NEAT GUY (puke.....)

72EA press....

ROME-As in the past, the emperor of Turkey has proved himself to be totally untrustable, as shown by his construction of two more fleets. Therefore, the government of Italy has no choice but to declare war on Italy.

LONDON-I stand today in awe of the British will to resist. Beaten, battered, decimated, and hopeless units have steamed by this reporters vantage point for over 48 hours. Yet in their eyes I read, a spirit, a desire, to emerge triumphant or dead. Infantry, Artillery, Militia, virtually every male capable of offering resistance has been mastered and sent north in the face of hopeless odds. From the Prime Minister: "When the barricades fall, so shall I." From the Queen: "Never has a Monarch been prouder of Englishmen." From the Cinc British Land forces: "We are soldiers in order to die, we go northwards to our fate." This reporter goes now to board the flagship of the British Fleet, we sail on the tide, the same spirit prevails here as on land. The British men, mortally wounded, rallies to destroy before all strength leaves it, and its empire, to the ravages of the conqueror.

73AR press....

BUDAPEST There is no press because none of mine is ever printed (hint, hint).

TUNIS And you guys thought that army had forgotten how to move.

TRIESTE You'd better believe I swore a comeback. When all my guard units (the stoutest strongest forces the last to desert, though the popular opinion is that lack of intelligence rather than bravery forestalled their desertion) started leaving I said "Come back you #3%1&*1?"

KLINE TO LABELLE That's a joke, son (and let's hear none of this "So are your orders").

IN THE FOREST So are your orders, boy.

KLINE AGAIN Arf, arf.

ROME-In a statement regarding Italian policy concerning the new Turkish government Pope Richard is reported as saying "they can take it and bless them. We have at least secured 'Peace with Honor'. And if day don't agree, we gonna get da Mafia on 'em...er, we not gonna put in no mora good words witha you-know-who. Bless you."

BERLIN-The German government wishes to offer its warmest thanks to the Austrian Military High Command for drawing Russian forces away from our borders. Too bad they couldn't be more careful about where they were drawing them to...

FROM ONE SIDE OF THE ATLANTIC OR THE OTHER: Dear Barad Forest: What is purple and commutes?

DEAR DANNEMORA OK, I know I'll hate myself in the morning; what is purple and commutes?

74AN press....

LONDON (May 28, 1903) Quote of the week: "I don't care what month it is."

take Belgium!": Prime Minister and Minister of Defense Putney Swope.
LONDON-ATHENS, Maine (June 1, 1903). The first recorded case of infectious insanity has been located in a small forest on the coast of Maine. The only known preventative is the smoke of an obscure weed, Cannabis Sativa. Smoking pods (called joints) are being distributed in New England in case of an outbreak. Sadly, the original bearer of the disease is beyond cure, despite the enormous quantities of smoke he inhales daily. Any issue of this poor man should be immediately flushed into the sewers. Hopefully the disease can be restricted, and will die out with the patients demise.

LONDON- Diplomacy games played by mail
 Have often been scenes for betrayal.
 But I never have heard
 (Please, Burt, give me the word)
 Of this thing the GM calls delayall!

IN DA FOREST:

FOREST (AGIN): As Big Brother
 I'd druther
 Not bother
 With yer
 Minute cerebrum
 Oh so tender
 Nor your fouled up
 Tetrameter.....

(In answer to your poetry)
 You've heard of impale
 Betrayal, regale
 And
 Of course
 De layal
 'Twas created (by me) you see
 Especially
 For play by mail
 Diplomacy

VIENNA: The Austrian Government in accordance to public policy is protecting its borders while not intentionally interfrerring with the plans of its friendly neighbors. The only question is does Austria have any friendly neighbors? The answer will soon be rather obvious. Unfortunately.

73DT press....

BERLIN: The German Government today announced that recent encroachments of Russian armed forces left no alternative but to declare a preventative action. German forces will not repeat not commit aggression, however, they will not allow other countries to run rough shod over defenceless people GENERAL GEHLEN.

ST. PETERSBURG-It is with great pleasure that the Tsar Charles the 7-
 come-11, appointed this A.M., General Boris Badasssky to command our Imperial Forces. Boris entered the army in 1850, and as a result of intense intelligence tests (the only one to have his shoes on the right feet 3 days in one week) was appointed to the rank of Captain. Boris became famous a short time later when he rode through the streets shouting "To arms, to arms, the British are coming!". Unfortunately he was a military attache to the Russian Embassy in London at the time. Shipped home in time for the Crimean War, Boris led a crack cavalry force known affectionately as "Russias Light Brigade". Boris then transferred to the Army Medical Service where he proved useful in the control of Malaria in the Army. He found the persons with this ailment were cured by placing them in sub freezing weather in Siberia, the Malaria germs were killed by the cold. This great achievement was

sidelined when it was found that the survival rate of Malaria victims was somewhat higher than double pneumonia. Retired in 1905, after some dispute over alleged war profits (said to possess over 1 million dollars worth of Japanese Victory Bonds), he has been recalled from his home in Switzerland, where he has spent the last ten years in the company of a fellow Russian, one Vladimir Lenin. We are proud & happy to have a staunch supporter of Imperial Russia on active service again. PARIS-Due to the severe damage dealt to the first fleet the War Office here ordered it to the Western Med for repairs and refitting. The War Office also stated the Second Army suffered extremely high casualties penetrating the Pyrennes. The Orcs were fearsome fighters but they could not stop the determined effort to take Spain.

PARIS- Emperor Napoleon VI stated today in a message to the allies of France, that France has every notion of honoring its treaties as long as the parties concerned honor theirs.

MADRID-Captain Conad La Conqueror was cited for bravery today for his meritorious actions in the battle for the Pyrennes. Cpt. La Conqueror led his battered battalion, out of ammunition, in a bayonet charge that finally made the fearsome orcs turn and run.

LONDON- Government sources disclosed today that the Foreign Secretary, Lord Concorde, was embarking on a diplomatic and trade mission to the near East. Stopovers in Vienna and Constantinople are tentatively scheduled, although rumors that Concorde might visit Russia have been denied. It is hoped that treaties can be concluded favorable to the Empire.

CHRISTIANA-(VIA LONDON)-The King of Norway announced today the establishment of an English military base in his country. Such an action is the result of border tensions along the Swedish frontier. It is believed that the added force will bolster the Norwegian Army in its contest with Sweden.

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73DT PRESS

DAMASCUS-Students here at Farouk U. have been demonstrating against the A.S.S.'s handling of the Aegean incident. "We don't want talk, we want war!", they are shouting. The leader of the Students, Yaba Daba Du, admits government threats to institute conscription may reduce student enthusiasm, but says War is the only answer. His 4 F classification may have some bearing on his unyielding attitude, but he seems sincere in his beliefs.

NORD MAINE- A secret weapon to end student unrest is being shipped from The Woods to Farouk U. in order to re-establish law and order. This weapon is capable of tornado like winds of up to 300 kph, or by setting it on another knob, can lie the opposition to death. Jane Phallic is being kept in a titanium cage, and being fed cobalt rays and copies of PLAYBOY magazine to get her engaged enough to do her job. Hopefully the campus will not find out about this move until it is too late, else they might hire Bobby Fragg to undo all of this.

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GOA -David Scott/2118 Channing Apt A/Berkeley/CA/94720.

A SHORT HISTORY AND LISTING OF DIRING PRESS PUBLICATIONS TO SEPTEMBER 29th, 1973

by Burt

I was sucked into the whirlpool of postal Diplomacy on January (late January) of 1971. I wrote to the four or five individuals on the, at the time, brand new flyer which had been attached to the game. Rod Walker replied first, almost immediately. I then signed up in his YV game, 1971Dbu, and it has been downhill ever since. Rod being my first contact, we were always very friendly. I considered (and still do) Rod a good fellow and associate up to and including his abrupt exit from our hobby. Some of you newer people cannot have any idea what this did to postal Diplomacy, but it can accurately be compared to what would happen to us now if Conrad von Metzke vanished tomorrow. There was, for a brief time, disaster. However, Conrad took over all of Rod's functions (and then some), and has performed superbly in his many-faceted labors.

After being wiped out or resigning from 20 or so games in my first year, I could see that an Edi Birsan I wasn't. Well then, what to do? How to make ones' mark in the history of the hobby? The answer was slow in coming: publish! It was a horrific, scary decision. A non-typist, creating a worthwhile zine? Ha! ANTARES was born. To reflect my typing limitations, it was produced tri-monthly, thereby allowing ten-thumbs Labelle to finish his fledgling zine in a rather clumsy, but interesting, manner. ANTARES was a mild hit, up until Rod Walker came out and told the world to try it, and then it boomed. How many quarterly zines in postal Diplomacy have hit a circulation of over 60? None that I know of. ANTARES did. ANTARES was rather fun, with editorials that would make call-girls blush being my major contribution. At the time, the Walker-Beshara war and the IDA-TDA war was going full stride. After being neutral for over 6 months, I decided that Walker/IDA represented the one true god, and that Beshara/TDA were plastic idols. Although Rod is now no longer a member of this madness, you gotta admit one out of four ain't all that bad! Beshara and TDA have long since gone to that big round table in the sky. So has ANTARES, for that matter. What would you have done when 18 people came up for re-subscription at the end of the first year of your zine, and two resubscribed!?! Needless to say, if the public did not want ANTARES, I damn sure didn't. It was folded (respectfully, all debts settled and/or monies refunded or carried forward to PELLUCIDAR).

So, here it is, September of 1973. PELLUCIDAR is, I hope, one of the better half of zines in the country, and has a good future ahead of it. It is intended to be player-oriented, even in spite of the toughest, most strict set of house rules in the world. AMALRIC is brand new, and chronicles the moves of the former MARCUS YV game. (Closed to subscriptions, folks. Sorry.) ANDROMEDA Chronicle is my medium to the new bloods, and comes out as needed (financially, a disaster- it's free).

PELLUCIDAR has been, is, and will continue to be our labor of love. At the ripe age of 24, I am committed to myself, not to drop out of this business without giving at least one half years' notice. I can foresee, at present, no reason for this to happen. As Ray Bowers once wrote in MIDWESTERN COURIER over a year ago, stay with us, 'cause we'll be around long after you're gone.

DIRIGO PRESS PUBLICATIONS TO DATE:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Pages</u>	<u>DP pub#</u>
ANTARES #1	1 Jan 72	8	#1
ANTARES #1.5	Jan 72	3	#2
COMMENTS ON PDRC	10 Feb 72	3	#3
ANTARES #2	1 Apr 72	25	#4
ANTARES #3	1 Jul 72	28	#5
ANTARES #4	1 Oct 72	29	#6
PELLUCIDAR #1	1 Oct 72	2	#7
CIRCULATION LETTER	15 Nov 72	1	#8
ANDROMEDA CHRONICLE #1	2 Nov 72	4	#9
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TRADE LETTER	11 Dec 72	1	#11
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ANTARES #5 /last issue/	1 Jan 73	15	#14 (no #)
PELLUCIDAR #5	17 Feb 73	10	#15 (14)
ANDROMEDA CHRONICLE #2	Feb 73	4	#16 (15)
PELLUCIDAR #6	17 Mar 73	10	#17 (16)
PELLUCIDAR #7	14 Apr 73	11	#18 (16)
PELLUCIDAR #8	12 May 73	10	#19 (18)
PELLUCIDAR #9	9 Jun 73	6	#20
YOUNGSTOWN VARIANT	Jun 73 (also Oct 72)	7	#21 (20)
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HYBOREAN AGE II	Jul 73	3	#23 (22)
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AMALRIC #1	23 Aug 73	1	#26 (25)
PELLUCIDAR #12	1 Sept 73	8	#27 (26)
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RULES-9mm NAPOLEONIC	24 Sept 73	10	#29
PELLUCIDAR #13 (Ann.ish)	29 Sept 73	16	#30

The number in parentheses (14, etc.) is the number printed on that issue as the DIRIGO PRESS publication number. As is quite apparent, I lost track of the numbers halfway through this list. The rules were printed twice, as was the Youngstown Variant, which accounts for some of the incorrect numbers. This list is hereby said to be the correct numbers, and we shall endeavor to keep a close eye on the correct numbers in the future.

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From the above, we seem to have published a total of 260 pages of Diplomacy-oriented material in just under 2 years of publishing experience. And 10 pages on miniatures (the rules booklet). Far from the figures which could be released by our more prolific publishers, I assure you. But a contribution, none the less. Note also that PELLUCIDAR, with a circulation of about 108 as I am writing this (a week before ish #13), now takes 1 ream of paper (500 sheets), to be created. I.e., 13 reams a year. Each issue represents 1080 sheets of propaganda by Labelle flooding the Dippy world. Today.....Diplomacy. Tomorrow.....Burbank!

-BRL

(It appears at this time that I might be getting the Miller number custodianship after all. If I know by the time this issue is done, more will appear on this in the announcements beginning front page and elsewhere. Even if I'm not, I've decided to list the Miller number index for the interest of the readership.)

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THE MILLER NUMBER INDEX OF VARIANT POSTAL DIPLOMACY GAMES:

(from the M.O.W. variant package #1. See plug elsewhere this ish.)

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| a. 3x3 team, Turkey omitted. | au. Omnibus Diplomacy |
| b. Super Diplomacy, seven nation. | av. Hyperspace II |
| c. 5-man, Russia & Turkey omitted. | aw. The Foundation Game |
| d. 6-man, Turkey om. | ax. Simulation Diplomacy II |
| e. Middle Earth II | ay. Anarchy III |
| f. Anonymity, 7 nation. | az. Space War |
| g. Economic Diplomacy I | ba. Zeno. |
| h. 3x3 team, Italy omitted. | bb. Error |
| i. Mythomacy II | bc. Error |
| j. 3x3 team with wild-card player. | bd. Imperialism XI |
| k. Mordor vs. the World | be. Feudalism II |
| l. Twin Earths | bf. 3x3, Russia wild card player |
| m. Mordor vs. the World II | bg. Supereconomic |
| n. Chacs | bh. Brave New World. |
| o. 9-man, Miller version | bi. The Hundred Years War |
| p. Anarchy I | bj. Griffin Variant |
| q. Morglay | bk. Kriegspiel Diplomacy |
| r. Indianomacy II | bl. 3-man on 9-man board |
| s. Game of the Clans | bm. Blitzkrieg Diplomacy |
| t. Middle Earth IV | bn. Das Dippyspiel |
| u. 3-man, 2 teams with wild-card player | bo. Perrijavo Caper |
| v. Calhamer 5-man game | bp. Godawful Game. |
| w. 9-man, Cline version. | bq. Key's Rule Variant |
| x. 9-man, Chalker version. | br. Hyperspace II½ |
| y. Micro-Diplomacy | bs. Hyperspace III |
| z. 2-man, Turkey omitted. | bt. Hypereconomic |
| aa. Imperialism VII | bu. Youngstown Variant |
| ab. Princes | bv. Parlement, revised |
| ac. Imperialism VIII | bw. Hyperspace V |
| ad. Open Door (Colonialism III). | bx. Diplomatic Monopoly |
| ae. World War I Diplomacy. | by. 2001 A.D. |
| af. Parlement. | bz. Verrat |
| ag. Economic II | ca. Version C |
| ah. 3x3 teams with German wild card player. | cb. Continent |
| ai. Lebling Variant (neutrals armed). | cc. Aberration I |
| aj. Mordor vs. the World III | cd. Aberration II (Imp. XIII) |
| ak. Economic III | ce. Mordor vs. the World IV |
| al. Simulation Diplomacy I | cf. Air-Sea Diplomacy |
| am. Imperialism VIIR | cg. All-America (?) Diplomacy |
| an. Europe 1650 | ch. Parlement, Midlands Variant |
| ao. Italy 1500 | |
| ap. 3x3 team, 2 teams and wild card Russia/2 wild card players. | |
| aq. Imperialism IX | ci. Napoleonic Diplomacy |
| ar. 3-man, 2 teams w/ wild card Russia | cj. Aberration IV |
| as. 2-man team, England omitted. | ck. Scotice Scripti II |
| at. Imperialism VIIIR | cl. Mordor vs. World IV½ |
| | (cont. next page.....) |

cm. Hyperacromegaly II
 cn. Imperialism IIR
 co. Abstraction
 cp. The Great European War
 eq. unknown
 cr. unknown
 cs. Fistel Variant
 ct. Diadochi I
 cu. Youngstown Variant, revision I
 cv. Youngstown Variant, revision II
 cw. Balance of Power Variant
 cx. War of the Rings Diplomacy I
 cy. Anonymity
 cz. Atlantica
 da. Myopia
 db. Youngstown variant, revision III
 dc. Winter 9-man
 dd. Diadochi II
 de. Third Age
 df. Cline 9-man
 dg. Jihad
 dh. Legion
 di. Anarchy IV
 dj. Staples Variant
 dk. Slobbovia
 dl. Scotice Scripta III
 dm. U.S. Variant
 dn. STRESS
 do. Europe Variant
 dp. Moscos Game
 dq. Dalarna II
 dr. Black Hole
 ds. Michigan Diplomacy
 dt. Cold War
 du. Ancient Hebrew Kingdom Diplomacy
 dv. 1934
 dw. Worldiplomacy
 dx. error
 dy. Atlantica II
 dz. Winter 11-man
 ea. Balkan War
 eb. Black Hole, Nielsen variation.

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73DT PRESS-

VIENNA-Emporess Kristina, the beautiful 18 year old woman monarch today announced that she would be forced to refuse the offer to visit Turkey and the Harem of 79 year old Sultan Perma Soft II. Kristina stated that the rumor that Perma Soft's harem was made up of 368, 18-19 year old boys made her rather hesitant to visit the wiley old mans brothel of Fellows. Kristina did state that Succulent Karl, her black sheep brother, would be honored to pay a visit to see all those "Luscious Loin Lappers".
 Sais Karl:

"Oh Goodie, Goodie, Goodie,
 I'm going to Constantinople,
 To see gay old Perma Soft
 get hard I am hopeful!"

THE WOODS-My Gawd! Pornogenda on Follucidar! I thought I was the only guy who could type nasty. In answer to Walter's most little poem, all we can say is "no guy!"

1972EA
Game #1

Autumn
1905

TURKISH F Tun retreats to Naf.

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72EA
Game #1

MASSIVE RUSSIAN INDUSTRIAL MIGHT BEGINS
TO TAKE EFFECT. ITALIANS TO RULE THE MED?

Winter
1905

ENGLAND (Boier): Removes A Lon.
FRANCE (Bowers): Removes A Par, A Gas.
GERMANY (Greer): B F Kie.
ITALY (Truman): B F Nap, A Rom.
AUSTRIA (Cusack): Removes A Vie.
RUSSIA (Pitsch): B F StPsc, A War, A Mos.
TURKEY (Hollingsworth): Removes F Gre.

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Spring 1906 orders are due here 27 OCT 73.

1972ET
Game #2

EASTERN POWERS GROW AS WEST GOES PFFFFTT!

Winter
1905

ENGLAND (civil disorder): No Change.
FRANCE (Cressey): No Change.
GERMANY (Drews): No Change.
ITALY (Cohen): B F Rom.
RUSSIA (Valencourt): B A War, A Mos.
TURKEY (Stevens): B F Con.

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Spring 1906 orders due 24 OCT 73.

1973M
Game #3

SEASON REPLAYED AS GM MAKES MORE ERRORS
THAN DETROIT MAKES CARS! HUMBLE, HUMBLE....

Fall
1904

ENGLAND (Southard): F NthS-Den.
FRANCE (Schleinkofer): F Mid, A Gas, F EC, F Spasc, A Lon,
A Bur & A Mars all u/o.
GERMANY (Gel): A Edi H, A Kie S Ber, A Ber S Kie, F Den S Kie
(dislodged); F Bal S Ber.
ITALY (Riepl): A Ven H(dislodged), A Pie-Tus, F Gul-TyrS, F WMed-Tun.
AUSTRIA (Jones): F IonS-Nap, F AegS-IonS, A Con-Smy, F Adr S Tri-
Ven, A Tri-Ven, A Tyr S Tri-Ven, A Mun-Kie, A Boh-Mun.
RUSSIA (Dick): A Sil S Pru-Ber, A War-Pru, A Pru-Ber, A Swe S Ska-Den,
F Ska-Den, F Nwy-NthS, F BlkS-Sev, F Ank-Con.
TURKEY (Shannon): A Arm-Sev.

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73M 1904 SUPPLY CENTER CHART

ENGLAND: Lpl, ~~2/1~~. 2/1 Remove one/One A/No Change.
FRANCE: Home, Bel, Spa, Por, Lon. 7/7 No Change.
GERMANY: Kie, Ber, Hol, ~~4/4~~, Edi. 4/4 No Change.
ITALY: Rom, ~~4/2~~, ~~4/2~~, Tun. 4/2 Remove two.
AUSTRIA: Home, Ser, Gro, Bul, ~~8/10~~, Smy, Man, Nap, Ven. 8/10 Build two.
TURKEY: ~~1/0~~. 1/0 Remove one. OUT.

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Winter 1904 Builds are due here 27 OCT 73. More on next page.

I have decided to replay Fall 1904 in 1973M for many obvious reasons. I made 5 errors in the move capsule, and this is inexcusable. I have received a statement of intent to play from Schleinkofer, but did not receive any moves from him! Arn Vagts will take over this position if Art does not finally get his moves in. Not getting your moves in was inexcusable, Art, but it's your money down the drain. Note that GERMAN F Den cannot retreat to the North Sea, as England is still in this game and has a F there. Yes, that's for you Larry. Here's hoping that both the GM and players alike will begin functioning as they should in this game.

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1973AR

Fall

Game #4 NEW RUSSIAN CINC FACES TOUGH SCENE! DOES GERMANY HAVE ANY ALLIES!? WILL AUSTRIA GET TRIESTE BACK? ONLY DA SHADOW KNOW FOR SURE....

1903

ENGLAND (Peterson): F StPnc-Nwy, F EC-Bre, A Lon-Den, F NthS C
A Lon-Den, A Bel-Pic, F Lpl-NAT.

FRANCE (Guggenheim): A Par-Bre, A Pic H, A Bur S Pic, A Mars-Gas,
F Mid-Tris.

GERMANY (Massar): A Den u/o, stands, A Mos S War, A War S Mun-Sil,
A Mun-Sil, A Ruh-Mun, F Bal C Liv-Ber, A Liv-Ber.

ITALY (Klein): A Apo-Ven, A Tri-Tyr, F IonS-Tun, F TyrS-WMed.

AUSTRIA (Dority): A Vie S ITALIAN A Tir-Tyr, A Gal-Rum, A Rum-Sev,
F Ore H.

RUSSIA (Vagts): A Boh S Sil-Mun, A Sil-Mun, A Ukr-Sev, F Blks S Ukr-Sev.

TURKEY (Kelly): A Bul S AUSTRIAN A Gal-Rum, A Ank-Ark, F Con-Ank,
F Smy-Con.

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1903 SUPPLY CENTER CHART

ENGLAND: Home, Nwy, StP, Del. 6/6 No Change.

FRANCE: Home, Spa, Por. 5/5 No Change.

GERMANY: Home, Den, Hol, Swe, War, Mos. 7/8 B One.

ITALY: Nap, Rom, Tun, Tri, Ven. 4/5 B One.

AUSTRIA: Bud, Scr, Gro, ~~Vie~~, ~~Rap~~. 4/5 B One.

RUSSIA: ~~Via~~, ~~Sev~~, ~~Ukr~~, ~~Blks~~. 4/1 Remove 3.

TURKEY: Home, Bul. 4/4 No Change.

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The new player for Russia is: Arn Vagts/2824 Verano Pl/Irvine/CA/92664.

The new player for England: Gary Peterson/1068 Leckic/Sarnia/Ont./CANADA.

Moxiarty attempted to submit one last set of orders, unfortunately he officially left the game last season. Thanks go to Douglas Dick for also submitting orders.

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Fall

Game #5 FROGGIES REGAIN HOMELAND AND THEN SOME. HAIL BRITANNIA, I GUESS.....IT'S STILL A MESS!

1903

ENGLAND (Hall): F BarS-Nwy, F NthS S BarS-Nwy, F EC-Mid, A Pic-Par.

FRANCE (Peterson): F Cly-Lpl, A Ruh-Nic, A Ere H, A Gas S Bre.

GERMANY (Guggenheim): A Boh S Nic, A Nic S Fru-Ber /A/, A Bel S
Ruh-Ber (acc), S Bel S Bel.

ITALY (Hollingsworth): A For S FRENCH A Ruh-Nic, A Mun S FRENCH A
Ruh-Nic, F For H, A Ven-Tyr, A Rom-Ven.

73AN (cont.)

AUSTRIA (Beyerlein): A Ser S TURKISH A Bul-Rum, A Bud S Ser,
A Vie-Tri, A Alb-Tri.

RUSSIA (Blank): F StPnc S Nwy, A Nwy H, F Swe-Den, A Pru-Liv,
A Sil-War, A Rum H (dislodged), F Sev S Rum.

TURKEY (Holloman): A Bul-Rum, F BlkS S Bul-Rum, A Con-Bul, A Gre
S Con-Bul, F AegS S Con-Bul.

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73AN 1903 SUPPLY CENTER CHART

ENGLAND: Edi, ~~Lpl~~, Lon, ~~Lpl~~. 4/2 Remove two.

FRANCE: Par, Mar, Bre, Por, Spa, Kie, Lpl. 4/7 Build two (no room for three).

GERMANY: ~~Bel~~, ~~Kie~~, Bel, Hol, Den. 5/3 No Change (2 /A/).

ITALY: Home, Tun, Mun, Ber. 5/6 B one.

AUSTRIA: Home, Ser. 4/4 No Change.

RUSSIA: Home, Swe, ~~Nwy~~, Nwy. 7/6 Remove one.

TURKEY: Home, Bul, Gre, Rum. 5/6 B one.

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PRESS:

ST. PETERSBURG- Russia is indeed happy to be finally out of the German war which was highly unprofitable and unpopular to her in the sense that although I performed and participated in the conquering of the Germans I did so only out of treaty requirement which if I'm not mistaken I have fulfilled to the letter now.

LONDON- At the beginning of this year by all appearances, England was faced with four enemies and no allies. She gracefully accepted this position and sued for peace with her former allies. We stand appalled at the perfidy of the French government, who would stoop to the level of outright lies to gain a small additional advantage over her former ally. Thus England swears undying enmity to France and shall pursue her without respite until one or the other power lies prostrate. Cavalier disregard for the conventions of diplomatic honor shall not go unpunished.

BARAD FOREST- Gee, all that from prostrate England. Kill, Bubba, Kill!

73Hbu

Fall

Game #6 ADMIRAL FLEGELLATORI OVERTAKES TSAR DIK 1903

AS WORLDS LARGEST, CHINA ON VACATION. INDIA
ABOUT TO INVADE JAPAN? 5 CENTERS CHANGE HANDS...

ENGLAND (Proujansky): F Ska-Den, F Hol S Ska-Den, F Lon-NthS, F EC-
S Lon-NthS, F Mid-Sat, F Bre-Mid, F Schi-Sai, F GoS-
Sai.

FRANCE (White): F GoL-TvrS, F Alg-Tun, F Spasc-GoL, A Gas S Bur,
A Bur S Pic-Bel, A Ruh-Hol, A Pic-Bel, F Ann-Vtn.

GERMANY (Cusack): A Bel-Hol /A/, F Kie-Hel, F Den S Kie-Hel (dislodged),
A Mun-Ruh, A Boh-Mun.

ITALY (Hilliker): A Sud-Egy, F TvrS-Tun, F Red S Sud-Egy, F Lib S
IonS-Pen, F IonS-Pen, A Tri S RUSSIAN A Clu-Ser (nso).
A Vic-Bud, A Ven-Tyr, A Tus-Ven.

RUSSIA (Dick): A Oms-Tur, A Rum-Ser, A Clu S Rum-Ser, A Gal-Rum,
A Ukr S Sev, F Sev S Gal-Rum, A Mos S Sev, F Swe S
ENGLISH F Ska-Den, F Vla-S Kor, F Kor S Vla, A OMon-Sib.
TURKEY (Scott): F BlkS-Rum, F Con-Bulsc, A Pen-Egy (dislodged), F
EMed S Pen-Egy, F AegS-IonS, A Gre S Ser, A Arm S Ira,
A Ira S Tur-Aig, A Tur-Aig, A Ser S BlkS-Rum.

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CHINA (Gel): NMR. A Skg, A Man, F Yel, FECh, FPhi u/o. A Vtn dislodged and /A/.

INDIA (Stevens): F Win-Ara, A Sin-Ira, A Afg S RUSSIAN A Oms-Tur, A Cam S ENGLISH F Sia-Sai (nsc), A Lao S FRENCH F Ann-Vtn, A Bma-Sik, F SPa S ENGLISH F Schi-Cel (nso).

JAPAN (Hodge): F For S SPa-ECh, F SPa-ECh (nsu), F SJa S SPa-ECh, F Sok-Vla, F Kar-NPa.

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Note that last issue the RUSSIAN move of Clu-Ser should have been underlined. Fortunately, both Dick and Scott caught this error, and there was no problem. The JAP F ECh was ordered to retreat to SPa, and this was most unfortunate as there happened to be a INDIAN F in it. It was therefore annihilated.

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Pay attention to your moves, people. This game is hard enough to run already.

73Hbu 1903 SUPPLY CENTER LIST

ENGLAND: H, Iro, Bor, Nwy, ~~Zz~~, Den, Sai. 8/9 B one.
FRANCE: Par, Bre, Mar, ~~Zz~~, Spa, Por, Mor, Bel, Vtn. 8/8 No Change.
GERMANY: H, ~~Zz~~, Hol. 5/4 B one (two/A/).
ITALY: H, Vie, Yem, Tan, Eth, Bud, Tri, Pen. 9/11 B two.
AUSTRIA: ~~Zz~~. 1/0 OUT.
RUSSIA: H, Rum, OMon, Kor, Clu, Swo. 11/11 No Change.
TURKEY: H, Bul, Ira, Egy, ~~Zz~~, Gre, Ser. 10/9 Remove one.
INDIA: H, Bma, Jav, Coy, Thai, Cam. 7/8 B one.
CHINA: H, Skg, Man, Phi. 6/6 Rebuild one (1/A/).
JAPAN: H, For, Kar. 5/5 Rebuild one (1/A/).

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Winter 1903 builds are due 27 OCT 73.

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Game #7

The Super Game

Winter
1901

ITALIANS DEAD DRUNK ON WINE WHILE REST OF
WORLD PROCEEDS WITH ARMS ESCALATION!

ENGLAND (Goyne): B F Len, F Edi.
FRANCE (Dick): B F Mars.
GERMANY (Beam): B A Mun, A Ber.
ITALY (Stevens): No Change.
AUSTRIA (Blank): B F Tri, A Bud.
RUSSIA (Boler): B A War.
TURKEY (Weswig): B F Ank.

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Spring 1902 moves are due 27 OCT 73.

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PRESS-

LONDON-In an address to the nation, Her Majesty, Victoria, heaped lavish praise upon neighboring France and Germany, declaring them as Europe's greatest peacemakers. "These nations", remarked the Queen, "are essentially British in character". Further, she pledged Britain's fullest support for Turkish attempts to regain ancestral European territories. "The Turks, like the British are natural Empire builders; such talent should not be wasted."

1973??

Spring

Game #8

STYGIA AND FEDERATION TO CLASH WARWORDS?

3701

CIMMERIA (Hilliker): A Cal-Gun, A Tho S Cal-Gun, A Blu-BoK.

AQUILONIA (Blank): A Tau-Zin, A Poi-Tar, A Sha-Num.FEDERATION (Beam): A Cor-Bry, A Oph-Cor, A Tyb-Num, A Krs-Tyb
(impossible).

TURAN (Boler): F Kaw-BaX, A Aki-Sha, A Agh-Kaw.

STYGIA (Dority): F SuK-CoS, A Khe-She, A Tho-Set.

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PRESS- /Fall 3701 moves are due 27 OCT 73.SUKMET- The Imperial fleet left this great port to begin a world cruise. We may be dropping in on any of you at any time so please reserve us some rooms.RATON, TAURAN- His sabar ((sic)) dripping the rich rich red blood of Yorboo, the last of the Aquilonian old monarchs, Allaric, the Ubonic from the Western coast stood triumphant upon the Aquilonian throne. "The timid are gone!" "They are dead and so are there peace full ways!" "Aquilonia which has shrunk under the cowardis ((sic)) of yorboo and his like will regain its past glories and again rule the civilized world! Cimmerian beware, Turanian grovel, Stygia and Federalist hide yourselves Allaric will come your women will sleep with my warriors and children our ways will learn. We Come! We Come! We Come!

Observer: And Allaric wasn't even breathing hard definitely a case of weak willpower.

IN THE FOREST Without meaning to offend anyone, the above are two classic examples of what press releases should not be. A little more work will produce a much better product for noth Walter and Greg. Try harder, fellas.

1973FH

Spring

Spring

1901

Game #9

LITTLE PROBLEM IN BLACK SEA, OTHERWISE
EVERYTING IS HUNKA DORY! WOULD I LIE?

ENGLAND (Southard): F Lon-NthS, F Edi-NwgS, A Lpl-Edi.

FRANCE (Rehbaum): F Bre Mid, A Par-Pic, A Mars H.

GERMANY (Holloman): A Mun-Bur, F Kie-Hol, A Ber-Kie.

ITALY (Clinton): F Nap-TyrS, A Rom H, A Ven H.

AUSTRIA (Lowrance): F Tri-Alb, A Vie-Boh, A Bud-Ser.

RUSSIA (Sacks): F StPsc-GoB, A War-Sil, A Mos-Ukr, F Sev-BlkS.TURKEY (McIlvaine): F Ank-BikS, A Con-Bul, A Smy-Con.

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Fall 1901 orders are due here 27 OCT 73.

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PRESS-

ST. PETERSBURG- While other Russian units made exploratory moves toward no direction in particular, forces of H.I.M.'s Army of Poland advanced into Germany to assist H.I.M.'s cousin the Kaiser in putting down revolts and protecting the Reich from foreign invasions. Rumors are sweeping the capitol that H.I.M., recently recalled from a Monastery in Siberia on the death of his brother the late Tsar, is showing signs of acute paranoia and schizophrenia as he is receiving little to no communication from his friends and neighbors, especially H.I.M.'s cousin the Kaiser.IN DA WOODS- Elmer's family took the you . . .

A LEDDA TO THE EDITA.

(from Robert F Sacks/15 F Tang Hall/550 Memorial Dr./Cambridge/
Mass./02139/

Having a few minutes to spare while the blood congeals on my face,
(a new blade in the razor) I decided to prepare this letter which
I will send to you with my next mailing. I wish to describe 1 1/2
variants of Diplomacy which may be original to me in the hope that
you will relay them to the readership and I can get some feedback.

The first variant is called "Standing Neutrals" and derives from
an observation of mine made while playing Italy in a game where
France started in civil disorder (wasn't played) that if France
could move I'd at least have a chance to slip into Marseilles. It
seemed only proper that neutral Belgium could put up at least as
much resistance as neutral Marseilles. Therefore we have one added
rule: each neutral supply center has stationed in it one unit in
civil disorder. We have played this variant on occasion in
Cambridge, and it is payable, though initially slower: neutrals
survive longer (some indefinitely); great powers go to war sooner
as the dividends are larger. (It suddenly occurs to me that, rather
than having Switzerland impassable, Switzerland should also be
considered a standing neutral with a supply center under this
rule. I'll have to test it out.

The second (half) variant (so called because it has never been
played to my knowledge) is called "Active Neutrals" and derives
from an attempt to let the neutrals be at least as stupid as the
great powers. Briefly, each neutral supply center is associated
with a great power who gives orders to its unit(s) and handles
builds (if any) for the neutral in the neutral's home supply
center. The schedule I propose (almost any reasonable one will do)
is: ENG A Gre, FPA A Rum & A Sme; GER A Bal & F Tan; RUS A Ser; TUR
A Den & A Spa; AN A Bel & F Por; ITA A Hol & F May. I eagerly await
feedback.

Swiss Active Neutral Rule: Switzerland remains neutral until the
first act of aggression is committed against it. Thereafter the
nearest enemy of the aggressor becomes Switzerland's controlling ally
(Robert goes on to list the clauses of Act of Aggression and Nearest
Enemy for the Swiss neutral rule. The first variant you gave here
is what I think is known as the lobbing variant (minus the A in
Swiss rule). I believe I have not heard of your other proposal
before. Your Swiss active rule is very interesting, and I would
be interested to see what effect it would have on a full 7 man
game. Unfortunately, if this game were played postally, it would
immediately be ruled a variant by any and everyone. Finding persons
to play an almost regular game for postal play is not that
easy sometimes (even assuming that I, for one, was interested
enough to run a section of a game like this. At present, I am not).
To be truthful, your Active neutrals idea seems a bit tacky to me.
Perhaps if all of the neutrals were played under the same provisions
as the Swiss active rule? IE when invaded they became instantly
allied with the invading countries primary enemy? How does that
strike you? In any event, Robert, you in Cambridge are in the
enviable minority position of not being able to playtest these
ideas. Please keep me posted. (I'll be glad to playtest them in person.) Please keep me
posted.

BEYERLEIN PLAYER POLL BALLOT #6

The Beyerlein Player Poll (BPP) is a poll of the postal Diplomacy community to determine the best currently active players in postal Diplomacy. Any postal Diplomacy player, gamesmaster, editor, or publisher may cast his/her ballot for the top 14 (from #1 to #14) currently-active postal Diplomacy players.

Points are given as follows: 1st place-20 pts, 2nd place-17 pts, 3rd-15, 4th-13, 5th-11, 6th-9, 7th-8, and so on. The points are the summed for each player and the top 14 players listed by point totals. Results will be published in all interested zines. Overseas people may use an air letter form in place of returning this ballot.

The BPP is not affiliated with any Diplomacy organization. ((Burt here: for this ballot in PELLUCIDAR, Doug has kindly agreed to extend the deadline date until 15 Oct 73, in order that my people have the opportunity to vote. I sincerely hope that those of you who have not voted to date will take advantage of this late-comers ballot, and participate. For what it's worth, I'm asking each one of you personally to take part in this, irrelevant of your time in the hobby. Thankyou.))

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2. _____	9. _____
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Signature: _____

Please complete this ballot, sign it, and mail to:

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Incomplete ballots, or ballots without a signature will not be counted.Late-comer deadline: 15 October 1973.

((OK folks, you can afford an 8¢ or 10¢ stamp and the 5 minutes it will take you to do this. So do it, huh?))

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